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In Re the Application of:

JAMES V. LUCIANI

Application No.: 09/429,047

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: **METHOD FOR IMPROVING  
SIGNALING EFFICIENCY AND  
PERFORMING SERVICE LOAD  
BALANCING IN A CONNECTION  
ORIENTED NETWORK**

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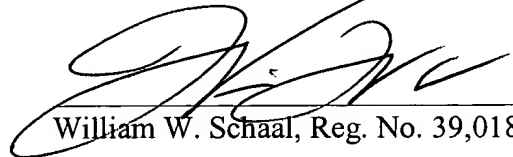
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Respectfully submitted,

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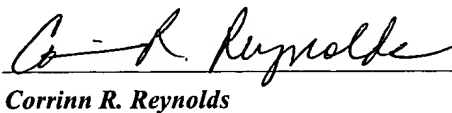
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